

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 3-4 and 7-13 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 1-2 and 5-6 have been canceled; claims 3-4 and 7-8 have been amended; and claims 9-13 have been added. No new matter has been added.

§112 Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 7

In Section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Claims 3, 4, and 7 have been amended to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-4 and 7 based upon 35 U.S.C. §112 has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

§103 Rejection of Claims 1-2 and 5-6

In Section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-2 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Kwon *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,667,987; hereinafter referred to as "Kwon"). Claims 1-2 and 5-6 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is appreciatively noted that claims 7-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations in the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 7-8 have been rewritten in independent form including the limitations in the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is also appreciatively noted that claims 3-4 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 112 rejection and rewritten in independent form including the limitations in the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3-4 have been amended to overcome the 112 rejection and rewritten in independent form including the limitations in the base claim and any intervening claims.

Newly-added Claims 9-13

Independent claims 9 and 13 closely parallel, and include substantially similar limitations as, amended claim 4, which includes the allowable subject matter/limitation of claim 4 plus base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Therefore, claims 9 and 13 should be allowable over the cited prior art references. Since claims 10-12 depend from claim 9, claims 10-12 should also be allowable over the cited prior art references.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 3-4 and 7-13 are respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes that have been made to these claims were not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes

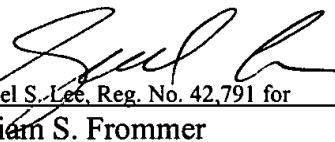
were made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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